(b) An expenditure of Rs. 746.18 lakh has been incurred on the Commission till February, 2008.

(c) Till the Commission submits its report.

Conference of Chief Ministers

†1324. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference of Chief Ministers was held on 5th September, 2006 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister;

(b) whether the Chief Minister of Rajasthan had expressed opinion regarding strengthening the security measures keeping in view the internal security of the country;

(c) whether Rajasthan Government had proposed to provide financial assistance for strict monitoring of internal security and to remain in contact with the public to make the rural police more effective;

(d) whether Government is considering to provide financial assistance/grant to control the terrorist and spying activities and strengthen the rural police, desert police; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Rajasthan Government has requested for financial assistance for rural and desert policing.

(d) and (e) The Central Government has been providing financial assistance to the State Governments for modernization and upgradation of the police in the States under the Scheme for Modernisation of States Police Forces. Under the Scheme, assistance is being provided for equipments, weaponry, infrastructure in the form of Police Station and other buildings, mobility, training, etc. A component of desert policing has also been included in the scheme from 2005-06. An amount of Rs. 3 crores, Rs. 12 crores and Rs. 9 crores has been released for this purpose to the Rajasthan Government in 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 respectively. There is no separate component for rural policing, *per se,* under the Scheme. The Rajasthan Government has been advised to cover the requirements for this purpose in their proposals under the relevant admissible items under the Scheme.

Proposals for bifurcation/reorganization of States

1325. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received recommendations from some State Governments for bifurcation/reorganization of States; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Special laws to deal with Naxalism

1326. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the increased naxal activities in the various States of the country Government proposes to enact special laws on naxal;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the laws are expected to be enacted; and

(c) the State-wise details of the assistance provided to the States by Government during the last three years to tackle the vexed problem of naxals in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No such proposal is under consideration of the Central Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Law and order being a State subject, action with respect to various aspects/issues related to naxalite activities lies primarily in the domain of the concerned State Governments.

The Central Government, however, also closely monitors the situation and supplements the efforts of the State Governments in a variety of ways. These include deployment of Central paramilitary forces to assist the State Police Forces; sanctioning of India reserve battalions; assistance for strengthening of the State Police Forces and Intelligence agencies through the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces; re-imbursement of security-related expenditure under the Security Related Expenditure Scheme; assistance in training of State Police Forces through the Ministry of Defence, Central Police Organisations and Bureau of Police Research & Development; sharing of Intelligence; facilitating inter-State coordination; and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of various Ministries, including various income-generating, public-utility and social-security schemes of Ministries like Rural Development, Agriculture, Youth Affairs and Sports, Panchayati Raj and Tribal Affairs.

33 battalions of Central paramilitary forces (inclusiving of 1 battalion of State Armed Police on inter-State deputation) are currently deployed for assisting various State Police forces in dealing with naxalite activities: Andhra Pradesh 4; Bihar 4; Chhattisgarh 13; Jharkhand 5; Madhya Pradesh 1; Orissa 4; Uttar Pradesh 1; and West Bengal 1.

The details of the assistance provided by the Central Government under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces and the Security Related Expenditure Scheme are given in the enclosed Statement.